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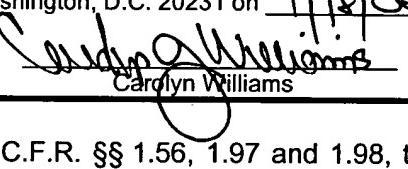
For
Contact Method for Thin Silicon Carbide Epitaxial Layer and Semiconductor Devices Formed by Those Methods

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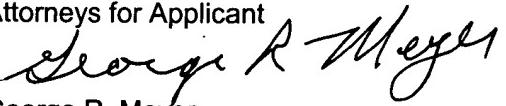
Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the art listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of the art is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made that a search has been made or that this art is material to patentability of the present application.

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Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of Applicants' above-referenced patent application are patentably distinguishable from these references.

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